

May 15, 2001

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
May 23, 2001**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of April 25, 2001 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve April 25, 2001 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

**\* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

*7. <u>Regional Aviation System Plan Update Consultant Recommendation</u>  The MAG RASP Policy Committee and Management Committee are recommending that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith for an amount not to exceed \$265,209 to complete	7. Approve that MAG negotiate a contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates to complete the Regional Aviation System Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$265,209.
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the Regional Aviation System Plan Update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*8. Consultant Selection for MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study

The FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$300,000 project to improve traffic flow at bottlenecks on the MAG freeway system. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee have recommended that Olsson Associates conduct the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Finalization of the 1999 MAG External Travel Study

MAG has completed a regional External Travel Study. This study was conducted in partnership with Maricopa County. The data is used to quantify the amount of travel that crosses the MAG area and the amount of travel from the MAG area to other parts of the state or country. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*10. Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) and the Management Committee have recommended amendments for transit projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG TIP. Since the TRC meeting, ADOT has submitted a request to add three federally funded projects and four locally funded projects to FY 2001. The Management Committee recommended approval of the ADOT request. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approve Olsson Associates to conduct the MAG Freeway Bottleneck Study for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

9. For information.

10. Approve the amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the transit projects and the projects requested by ADOT as described in the tables in the Transmittal Summary.

### AIR QUALITY ITEMS

\*11. Consultation for Project Level Conformity Determination on the Proposed Town of Gilbert Park-and-Ride Facility

The Town of Gilbert has requested concurrence for the project-level conformity determination prepared for the Gilbert Park-and-Ride Facility. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For consultation.

- \*12. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for the FY 2001 Interim Closeout

The interim closeout of the FY 2001 federally funded program requires an administrative adjustment for 20 projects and an amendment to add five new projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. These projects do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by May 18, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For consultation.

- \*13. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposed Administrative Adjustment and Amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested an administrative adjustment to 9 transit and park-and-ride projects to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to add three new right of way and ramp meter projects. The proposed 9 minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. The proposed three new projects are exempt and do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by May 18, 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For consultation.

### GENERAL ITEMS

- \*14. Homeless Continuum of Care Recommendations

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the HUD Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for Maricopa County. The Continuum of Care grant supports transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services. The Continuum of Care Steering Committee, formed by the Regional Council, and chaired by former Chief

14. For possible comment on the Homeless Continuum of Care recommendations.

Justice Frank Gordon, will approve the rankings, developed through the Valley of the Sun United Way, on May 24, 2001. The rankings are being made available for possible comment by the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*15. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments for the City of El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility and for the City of Surprise Water Reclamation Facility

The City of El Mirage has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility. Also, the City of Surprise has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include an expansion of the Surprise South Water Reclamation Facility. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Management Committee have recommended approval of these amendments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Approve the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendments for the City of El Mirage Water Reclamation Facility and for the City of Surprise South Water Reclamation Facility.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

### TRANSPORTATION ITEM

16. Federal Fiscal Year 2001 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2001 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, MAG conducts a close out process to use the MAG federal funds. These funds are required to be obligated in this fiscal year. For this phase of the close out, approximately \$13.8 million was available, with over \$16 million in project requests received. The Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee have recommended projects for the closeout funds. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. Approve the closeout of Federal FY 2001, as recommended by the Management Committee at their May 9, 2001 meeting as follows: 1) Carry forward the projects listed in Table One; 2) Add new projects, accelerate projects and add additional funds for existing projects listed in Table Two; 3) Authorize an amendment to the FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed; 4) Amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program as needed; and 5) Approve adjustments to the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as needed.

## GENERAL ITEMS

17. FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for the coming year. The purpose of this document is to provide grantors, the MAG staff and the public with the Regional Council's policy direction and fiscal commitments in the agency's regional planning efforts. In March 2001, an early overview of the Work Program and Annual Budget was provided to the Executive Committee. On April 17-18, federal agencies and state agencies reviewed the Work Program. On May 9, 2001, the Management Committee recommended approval of the Work Program and Annual Budget. On May 14, 2001, the Executive Committee concurred with the recommendation of the Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

18. Broadening Participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments

At the Regional Council Retreats in 2000 and 2001, discussion was held regarding broadening participation in the Maricopa Association of Governments. A report has been prepared describing how the business community and adjoining units of local government in the metropolitan area could participate in MAG.

The Management Committee discussed this item in conjunction with another item relating to how MAG reviews general plans and amendments to general plans. The consensus of the Management Committee was that the current land use review by MAG and member agency staff should continue, and the issue of review by the Regional Council should be examined with other governance issues. The Management Committee recommended that a Task Force, comprised of Mayors, Managers and other parties deemed appropriate, study the issue of regional governance and report back by November 30, 2001.

17. Approve the resolution adopting the FY 2002 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the member dues and assessments.

18. Approve forming a Regional Governance Task Force comprised of Mayors, Managers and other parties deemed appropriate to study the issue of regional governance and that this group be charged with making recommendations on broadening participation in MAG, plus a possible name change for MAG; and examine alternative governance options after seeking input from other interested stakeholders; and that this Task Force complete their recommendations and report back in 60 days. Also, that the regional review of land use by the Regional Council be separated from the governance issue to allow more time for consideration.

On May 14, 2001 the Regional Council Executive Committee reviewed the Management Committee action, and recommended that the land use review by the Regional Council be separated from the governance issues, broadening participation and changing the MAG name. It was also recommended that the time frame for considering the governance issues be completed in 60 days. Please refer to the enclosed material.